

Definitions for transferable water: In association with the SWRCB's Water Transfer Work Group, CALFED agencies are guiding stakeholder and agency discussions aimed at understanding whether or not specific actions will yield transferable water. These discussions will conclude in late 2001 with a set of recommendations for policy changes, if needed, to provide greater certainty to water transfer proponents.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Developed and made operational the On Tap water market information web site.
- Convened a panel of stakeholders to draft streamlining recommendations that were submitted to the CALFED Policy Group in December 2000.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: In addition to stakeholder participation in developing recommendations to streamline the approval process and test the web site, stakeholders advised the CALFED Program throughout the development and revision of the Water Transfer Program Plan.

NEXT STEPS:

- Continue work on the On Tap web site. Features to be added include a "pending transaction" section, more detailed responses to questions and applications, and compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a new requirement for all federal web sites.
- Develop the Water Transfer Information Clearinghouse. This entity will maintain and update the web site as well as perform other functions as detailed in the Water Transfer Program Plan.
- Begin efforts to implement recommendations to streamline DWR, USBR, or SWRCB approval processes. Implementation will take a minimum of two years once agreement on streamlining actions has been reached. CALFED agencies are working closely with the SWRCB Water Transfer Work Group, and they expect to have recommendations on implementing agreements (i.e., legislation, regulation, or SWRCB orders) by next year.



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